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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Forms PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application. The below listed information was disclosed or cited of record during prosecution of the parent application Serial No. 09/626,608, filed July 27, 2000, the grandparent application Serial No. 09/287,926, filed April 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,139,172, the great-grandparent application Serial No. Serial No. 08/937,480, filed September 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,938,321, and the great-great-grandparent application Serial No. 08/367,844, filed December 30, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,671,996, or in foreign opposition or infringement proceedings concerning a related foreign patent. A copy of each information item is of record in one of these prior related applications, except for the following, copies of which are attached:

U.S. 4,935,665	German 33 01 945	GB 1,136,134
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Translations for these four German patents or publications are also enclosed.

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In addition the documents listed in attached Exhibit A were produced as prior art in an infringement action concerning related U.S. Patent Nos. 5,671,996 and 5,938,321. Copies of those items in Exhibit A that are marked with a single asterisk are also attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

Under 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

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SOUTHERN DIVISION

DONNELLY CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

REITTER & SCHEFENACKER GmbH &
SCHEFENACKER)
USA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

Defendants.

) CASE NO. 1:00-CV-751

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) HON. RICHARD ALAN ENSLEN
) Chief, U.S. District Judge

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) Magistrate Judge Ellen S. Carmody
) CO. KG and REITTER &

(Contains Sealed Documents)

**DEFENDANT REITTER & SCHEFENACKER USA
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP'S STATEMENT OF PRIOR ART**

Defendant Reitter & Schefenacker USA Limited Partnership ("Reitter USA") hereby submits the following list of prior art that it contends may invalidate one or more of the asserted claims of the United States Letters Patent Nos. 4,733,336; 5,671,996; and 5,938,321 (collectively "patents-in-suit"). Reitter USA's investigation for prior art is still on-going because of Donnelly's repeated failures to cooperate in discovery. Indeed, on two separate occasions Reitter USA sought the assistance of this Court to compel Donnelly to produce documents responsive to Reitter USA's First Set of Requests for the Production of Documents and Things served March 29, 2001. On both occasions, Donnelly was ordered to produce documents. Donnelly, however, did not produce its latest set of documents until December 17, 2001.

Reitter USA also has sought the assistance of this Court in compelling Donnelly to produce documents and things in response to Reitter USA's Second Set of Requests for the Production of Documents and Things, as well as provide full and complete responses to Reitter

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addition, Donnelly has failed to produce all responsive documents and things to Reitter USA's Third and Fourth Set of Requests for the Production of Documents and Things. The parties are currently attempting to resolve these deficiencies without the assistance of the Court. However, Reitter USA will seek the intervention of the Court, if necessary, to resolve these disputes, too.

As a result of Donnelly's repeated failures and refusals to cooperate in discovery in this matter, Reitter USA is still pursuing third party prior art in discovery. In addition, without a Markman ruling, Reitter USA is not able to provide a definitive prior art disclosure at this time. Reitter USA reserves the right to supplement its prior art disclosure after this Court issues a Markman ruling and/or upon discovering additional prior art that may invalidate any of the asserted claims of the patents-in-suit.

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